



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 23, 2000**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Frank Briglia, Mr. Jesus Cepero, Dr. Martin Diamond,
Ms. Carolyn Ferolito, Mr. Daniel Sullivan

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ms. Mary Ellen Brock, Dr. Frank Cunningham,
Dr. Richard Flyer, Dr. Mary Kamienski,
Ms. Connie Levine, Ms. Laurine McCarty,
Dr. Thomas Whalen, Mr. Thomas Zarra

GUESTS: Dr. Ernest Leva, Michael Pante, Marianne Willis

***DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND SENIOR SERVICES:*** Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein, Ms. Bonnie Anderson,
Ms. Deborah Gottlieb, Ms. Sarah Maestripiერი,
Mr. Gerard C. Muench, Jr.

Dr. Frank Brigilia called the meeting to order at 10:15am. He welcomed members, guests and staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the February 29, 2000 meeting were approved as written.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Dr. Briglia thanked the staff for a great conference. He mentioned it that he thought it was well attended, well organized and the support from the staff was great. This will be an annual event. Also, thanks to the council members who attended, and those present in spirit.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS

Ms. Debbie Gottlieb gave a report on the progress of 8:43G. Ms. Gottlieb reported that on May 18, 2000 the Health Care Administration Board (HCAB) approved the proposed regulations. These proposed regulations will be published on June 19, 2000, in the New Jersey Register (See

handouts). These proposed on-call regulations are hospital-wide and will require a maximum of 20-minute response by phone and 60 minute response in person. On July 19, 2000 the 30-day

comment period ends, so please forward any comments in writing, to Ms. Gottlieb before that date.

Dr. Ernest Leva expressed concerns with the general language of these proposed regulations. Specifically, each hospital could fulfill the physician on-call requirement by scheduling a resident as opposed to an attending physician.

Ms. Gottlieb also stated if, as a result of the comments, there is a need for substantive changes, then the proposed regulations will have to be republished. Ms. Gottlieb suggested that the regulations be adopted, and then make any needed amendments. Hopes are for everything to go smoothly for final adoption in the fall.

In regards to the Emergency Department Regulations and the Pediatric Critical Care Register, Ms. Gottlieb is in the process of taking the data list from Dr. Al Sacchetti and making the items fit the rule. Ms. Gottlieb again suggested that we go forward with final adoption and then make amendments. Ms. Gottlieb will email the data list to all.

Ms. Gottlieb announced that the Commissioner has issued an executive order for rulemaking, requiring one additional step in the process. The Department with respect to the proposed rule must send a briefing memo to the Commissioner outlining the new rule, describing why the rule is needed, and explaining any previous activity. Ms. Gottlieb stated we could put the memo through to the Commissioner as we work on the changes.

Thanks to Ms. Gottlieb for all of her help!

INTRODUCTION:

Dr. Martin Diamond, a Pediatric Physiatrist, was welcomed to the Council. Dr. Diamond has successfully completed the appointment process. Dr. Diamond has dual training in both Pediatrics and Rehabilitation Medicine. Dr. Diamond serves as Medical Director of Out Patients at New Jersey's only full time children's rehabilitation hospital, Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

OEMS REPORT:

CONFERENCE

Ms. Kelly-Goodstein thanked everyone for their support and reported that 72 people attended the conference. We received 37 evaluations with the following feedback:

Hotel-good reviews

Route 287-very bad reviews

STAR Presenters: -Dr. Jill Brooks-"Sports Related Head Injuries" and

Dr. Nadine Levick-“Transporting Children in an Ambulance”
Dr. Johnson’s lunchtime session was well received.

Dr. Briglia suggested for future conferences, to better know the audience and have speakers more geared toward specific types of providers (emergency medical technicians, paramedics, doctors and nurses).

Mr. Cepero commented that the EMSC Advisory Council Round Table at the end of the day was very useful and helpful. We received suggestions for areas for us to reach out to, such as school bus safety, school nurses and also day care providers. Ms. Kelly-Goodstein suggested maybe putting a “Tips” column in future issues of the newsletter.

Other suggestions for the 2001 conference included moving the date to a weekend to try to increase registration. Active participation from the council is needed. Ms. Carolyn Ferolito suggested forming a conference committee. Ms. Ferolito, Ms. Marianne Willis, Mr. Dan Sullivan and Mr. Jesus Cepero volunteered for the committee. Another suggestion was to link this conference to the EMS awards luncheon. Another suggestion was that we offer 3 identical conferences (North, Central and South) in an effort to keep the cost down and increase registration.

Ms. Ferolito was gracious in extending an invitation to again host the July 25th meeting at her summer home. Immediately following the July EMSC Advisory Council meeting the Conference committee will meet to start planning our 2001 Conference.

Mr. Gerard Muench stated that at this time there are no plans for an EMS awards luncheon or dinner for 2001. Ms. Maestripieri stated that this year there were 19 award categories and several individuals won in different categories. Ms. Maestripieri also stated that she would be retiring this fall.

EMSC ANNUAL CONFERENCE, BALTIMORE MD

Mr. Muench, Ms. Kelly-Goodstein and Ms. Mary Ellen Brock attended the March EMSC Grantee meeting. NJ is right on target with a number of initiatives including standing orders, proposed data collection, etc. and is also one of the few states that have active EMSC Advisory Councils. A number of New Jersey professionals were speakers at the conference, and were well received.

OLD BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP

Our Paramedic Representative, Laurine McCarty is resigning. Ms. Kelly-Goodstein will call Mr. Marty Hogan, President of the NJ Association of Paramedic Programs, and ask that he forward the names and resumes of three paramedics who would be interested in serving on the EMSC Advisory Council.

Ms. Connie Levine also mentioned to Ms. Kelly-Goodstein that she might be resigning.

STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders Committee met on April 27th, and requested that we develop a pain management protocol for radio failure. Dr. Ernest Leva will help with this project. He feels that kids are under medicated for pain and we need a better way to help a child communicate their discomfort. The existing standing orders and recommended radio failure protocols do not require any modifications.

NATIONAL EMSC 5-YEAR PLAN

The National EMSC 5-year plan was sent out to all EMSC Advisory Council members. Ms. Maestriperi was the only one to return it with suggestions for minor changes.

NATIONAL REGISTRY

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians will be implementing a new exam process this fall. The advanced life support exam will include the management of the pediatric airway, establishment of intraosseous infusions and pediatric care.

BLS AND AMBULANCE REGULATIONS

The Department is in the process of revising the basic life support ambulance and mobility assistance vehicle (MAV) regulations. The following recommendations have been made:

1. MAV attendants must have pediatric CPR if transporting pediatric patients
2. Vehicles must have the pediatric assessment poster mounted in the ambulance.

As a result, it was suggested that the poster size be reduced to 8 ½" X 11". Mr. Sullivan reported that a number of providers have reduced the poster on a copy machine to the proposed size. Ms. Kelly-Goodstein requested that members review the poster and be prepared to discuss any changes to it at our July 25th meeting.

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE

Prevent Child Abuse in New Jersey is looking for young male mentors to speak to fathers, about this problem. It was suggested that the group partner with the EMSC Advisory Council and the NJ EMTs and paramedics. The group would like to give a brief presentation at our September meeting.

DR. MONSURE

Dr. Hani Monsure, Medical Director of the St. Barnabas Burn Unit expressed his interest in joining the EMSC council. Dr. Mansour is planning on attending an upcoming meeting as a member of the public.

EMS WEBSITE: (www.state.nj.us/health/ems/hlthems)

The EMSC Advisory Council requested Ms. Maestriperi place the EMSC minutes on the Department's website once they are approved and monitor the feedback. Ms. Maestriperi was also requested to place the Timmy Healey coloring book and other summer items for kids on the website.

TRAUMA CENTERS

Mr. Muench recently accompanied the American College of Surgeons (ACS) team during the re-verification of several trauma centers. The ACS guidelines have changed regarding pediatrics, but NJ regulations have not, so adult physicians may be treating pediatric patients. These patients may be admitted into adult ICUs. Mr. Muench feels strongly that all trauma centers need to treat patients, of all ages, because from the prehospital provider perspective, patients need to go to the closest trauma center. In other states, there are trauma centers which are specifically designated for adults or children. The ACS allows each hospital to "credential" healthcare providers to treat pediatric patients. All of New Jersey's trauma centers have been treating pediatric patients all along.

Mr. Cepero commented that current regulation requires a pediatric consult within 24 hours of admission.

There are concerns that there could be major problems with an adult trauma center having an adult surgeon care for a 5-year old and admit them to an adult ICU. The other question raised was as to the availability of physicians with pediatric expertise in the resuscitation of children. Pediatric emergency physicians or pediatric intensivists should be part of the trauma team and resuscitation. All concerns need to be directed to Mr. John Calabria, Acting Director, Certificate of Need and Acute Care Licensure, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

Current statewide trauma registry data is confidential, but anyone can request info through the Trauma Center Council

Ms. Kelly-Goodstein will request the following information from the NJ Trauma Registry, through Dr. Jeff Hammond.

How the children arrived- (parents, ambulance, etc)
Of pediatric trauma patients admitted with a pediatric & psychiatry consult
Of pediatric trauma patients
Of pediatric trauma patients by injury type

Ms. Kelly-Goodstein will invite Dr. Jeff Hammond to the July meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

2000 Meeting Schedules

Tuesday – July 25, 2000

10 a.m. –12 p.m.

Tuesday – September 26, 2000 – (Ground Floor Auditorium)

Tuesday – November 28, 2000 – (Ground Floor Auditorium)

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Health and Agriculture Building

John Fitch Plaza

Market and New Warren Streets

Trenton, New Jersey

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EMSC Council Membership

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Recommending Organization</u>	<u>Area of Expertise</u>
Dr. Richard Flyer	10/20/97	NJ Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics	Practicing Pediatrician
*Dr. Frank Briglia	06/13/97	NJ Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics	Pediatric Critical Care Physician
Dr. Frank Cunningham	06/27/00	NJ Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics	Board Certified Pediatric Emergency Physician
Dr. Martin Diamond		NJ Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics	Pediatric Physiatrist
Dr. Thomas Whalen	12/21/98	NJ Chapter-American College of Surgeons	Pediatric Surgeon
**Dr. Alfred Sacchetti		NJ Chapter-American College of Emergency Physicians	Emergency Physician
Mr. Daniel Sullivan	06/13/00	New Jersey State First Aid Council	Emergency Medical Technician
VACANT		Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council	Paramedic
VACANT		NJ Chapter of the Academy of Family Practice	Family Practice Physician
Dr. Mary Kamienski	12/07/01	NJ State Nurses Association	Registered Emergency Nurse
Mr. Jesus Cepero	06/13/00	NJ Chapter-Emergency Nurses Association	Registered Emergency Nurse
Ms. Carolyn Ferolito	06/27/00	Association for Children of NJ & Junior Leagues of NJ	Parent (child under 18 years of age)
Ms. Connie Levine	05/11/00	Association for Children of NJ & Junior Leagues of NJ	Parent (child under 18 years of age)
Ms. MaryEllen Brock	06/27/00	Association for Children of NJ & Junior Leagues of NJ	Parent (child under 18 years of age)

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